

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 00-12-11**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 11, 2000
Business Meeting: December 11, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. FCC NPRM on Streamlining Accounting and Reporting Requirements – To get direction from the Commission to send comments (12/12/00)
2. D99.12.277/D96.11.200 – Qwest – UNE Deaveraging – To consider draft order (12/12/00)
3. Qwest's E2700 Report – Update Commission on status of staff discussions with Qwest re: the continued availability of the service quality information that was included in the now-defunct E2700 report; review draft letter from PSC chairman to Qwest – (12/12/00)
4. D2000.1.4 – Qwest Communications – Detariffing of directory assistance service – Draft final order (12/12/00)
5. N2000.8.135 – Essen Communications – Question from Marty Essen whether the cellular loaner program is available for resellers – To consider the answer to the question (12/12/00)

6. MPC SALE – Placeholder – (12/12/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. DOCKET NO. D2000.11.191 (Eric)

On November 22, 2000, MDU requested authority to incur short-term indebtedness up to \$75,000,000. MDU requested that the authority granted pursuant to this application be effective until December 31, 2002. The short-term indebtedness would either be in the form of Notes and/or Commercial Paper. A default order has been drafted.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Qwest Communications Docket N.2000.11.201 (Scott)

On November 27, 2000, Qwest Communications filed tariff transmittal 00-47 Message Delivery Service Revision. Currently, a term and condition exists that indicates that the customer of Message Delivery or Message Delivery Service-Interoffice will only use the calling party's information to complete processing of a particular call. The term and condition is being revised to clarify that the information may also be used in the provisioning of Voice Messaging Service.

2. Qwest Communications Docket N.2000.11.202 (Scott)

On November 27, 2000, Qwest Communications filed tariff transmittal 00-49 ISDN Single Line Revisions. In this filing Qwest is requesting to modify the terms and conditions under which ISDN Single Line Service is offered by the following: 1) Set forth terms and conditions regarding cancellation of ISDN service, 2) Modifies the terms and conditions regarding the standard call appearance associated with ISDN Single line Service, 3) Establishes a threshold of 25 ISDN Single line facilities for offering service on an Individual Case Basis when purchased under a rate stability agreement, 3) Modifies the termination liability language to remove the minimum billing level percent and the termination charge percent, and 4) extend the date for which existing customers with grand fathered measured rate ISDN SLS for conversion to flat rate service to January 1, 2003.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-12-18

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2000.11.201 – Qwest – Tariff 00-47 Message Delivery Service Revision
N2000.11.202 – Qwest – Tariff 00-40 ISDN Single Line Service Revision
D2000.12.203 – Mountain Water Co – Petition for Declaratory Ruling
D2000.12.204 – Ocean Energy Resources – Petition for investigation of Chinook Pipeline status as public utility
D2000.12.205 – Five Valleys Gas – Application for rate increase
N2000.12.206 – Montana Power Co – Therm billing zone boundary changes